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FEDERATION DEMONSTRATION

Montana State Library Commission announces a statewide demonstration program of library service to all public libraries not now participating in federations. The demonstration, beginning January, 1976, is funded through $189,394 of Title I, Library Services and Construction Act funds. These federal funds are granted to Montana State Library to promote library development.

Grants will go to Billings City-County Library, federation headquarters for South Central Federation, to demonstrate in Judith Basin, Fergus, Petroleum, Stillwater, Wheatland, Golden Valley, Musselshell and Sweet Grass counties; to Miles City Public Library, headquarters for Sagebrush Federation, which will demonstrate in McCone, Prairie, Richland and Wibaux counties; to Glasgow City-County Library, headquarters for Golden Plains Federation, which will demonstrate in Roosevelt County; to Great Falls Public Library, headquarters for Pathfinder Federation, which will demonstrate in Hill, Chouteau, Glacier and Toole counties; to City-County Library of Missoula, headquarters for Tamarack Federation, which will demonstrate in Mineral, Lake and Ravalli counties; and to Bozeman Public Library, headquarters for Broad Valleys Federation, which will demonstrate in Gallatin, Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Granite, Madison, Meagher, Park, Powell and Silver Bow counties. Lincoln County Free Library, Libby, which has operated Northwest Federation, will complete its commitments to Sanders and Flathead counties, and it is then expected that Northwest Federation will merge with Tamarack Federation.

The headquarters libraries will provide a liaison librarian who will supervise the services and serve as a link between the headquarters library and the local libraries.

This demonstration service replaces the interlibrary loan and reference services formerly available from Montana State Library.

ALA MIDWINTER

Over 3,000 librarians, trustees, publishers and friends of libraries will gather in Chicago January 18-24, 1976, for the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting.

Some of the major issues under discussion will be intellectual freedom, library international relations (including copyright legislation and revision of the catalog code), American library history and funding for libraries at all government levels.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SURVEY

A memo from Frank L. Schick, Chief, Library Services Branch, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Education Division, National Center for Education Statistics, indicates that the 1975 College and University Library Survey Early Release Report has been completed and is now being sent to the Government Printing Office for reproduction. It is also expected that they will have early release reports for the LIBGIS I Public Library Survey and the School Library Media Center Survey available during the spring of 1976.

LIBRARIANS' MEETING

Helena librarians met January 8, 1976, at Montana State Library to begin planning for the Montana Library Association 63rd Annual Conference to be held in Helena May 6, 7 and 8, 1976. Mrs. Harriett Meloy, Librarian, Montana

Historical Society, and Mrs. Alma Jacobs, State Librarian, are co-chairmen for arrangements.

BICENTENNIAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES — Bibliographies of Bicentennial material, prepared by the Great Falls Public Library staff, are available from Great Falls Public Library.

The bibliographies list non-fiction, fiction, religious material, humor, cookbooks and song books.

DANIELS COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY — The Daniels County Friends of the Library have organized and elected officers. The Daniels County Library is located in Scobey and is part of the Golden Plains Federation.

CONTINUING EDUCATION — The Continuing Education Committee of the Montana Library Association is working on a needs assessment for continuing education for librarians in academic, special and public libraries in Montana. Questionnaire forms will be mailed out very soon and it is hoped that some information from the survey will be available in March.

We urge all libraries to fill out and return the forms as quickly as possible to the Continuing Education Committee.

HAMILTON FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY — The Hamilton Friends of the Library met in October, 1975, to draw up by-laws and elect officers. Purposes of the organization are creating public support for an expanding library program, communicating needs of the community to the library staff and board and informing the public of the benefits of the Hamilton Library's membership in the Tamarack Federation with headquarters at City-County Library of Missoula.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FILMS — Instructional Materials Service at the University of Montana, Missoula, will supply, without charge, three films dealing with the history of U.S. foreign relations. The films, "An Age of Revolutions", "Youth to Maturity" and "The Reluctant World Power" are each 30 minutes in length and are sponsored by the U.S. Department of State as part of the Bicentennial celebration.

To borrow these films contact: Instructional Materials Service, Film Library, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana 59801.

PEOPLE — Richard C. Peel, Coordinator of Special Library Services, Montana State Library, since July, 1972, has resigned.

David Martin is the new Reference Librarian at Montana State Library. David graduated from the University of Denver, Library School, in August, 1975. He worked in two public libraries in California before attending the University of Denver. Born and reared in California, David is married and has a seven-month-old daughter.

HEARST FREE LIBRARY — The Hearst Free Library, Anaconda, has been declared a national historical site. A restoration project began with the opening of bids on October 14, 1975. Specifications for the restoration project require that the original conformation of the Library be retained.

The Library, a gift to the people of Anaconda from Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, mother of William Randolf Hearst, was formally dedicated on June 11, 1898.

Funding for the restoration project will come from the National Park Service, the Community Development Agency and the City of Anaconda.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION — The draft report of the Montana Commission on Post-Secondary Education is available on request from Montana State Library. The Commission, appointed by Governor Thomas L. Judge, began the study in July, 1973. The 1973 Legislature mandated that the Commission give specific attention to inventories of post-secondary educational resources, accountability, planning and coordination, and access for all persons who desire and can benefit from post-secondary education.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK — National Library Week is April 4-10, 1976. The theme this year is "Free People, Free Libraries." Promotional aids may be obtained from Upstart Library Promotionals, Box 976, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SEMINAR — An administrative development program for library administrators will be offered at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota, by the School of Business, May 12-14, 1976. The seminar will cover in depth the basic fundamentals of administration and is designed to assist library administrators in improving their managerial effectiveness.

The fee is $125, which includes instructional costs, reading materials and other handouts, transportation from and to airlines and room and board. Anyone interested in attending should contact the program director, Dr. C. N. Kaufman, School of Business, Vermillion, South Dakota 57069.

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